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**Advisory Action**

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Applicant(s)

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THE REPLY FILED 25 February 2004 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

**PERIOD FOR REPLY** [check either a) or b)]

- a) ☐ The period for reply expires \_\_\_\_\_ months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
- b) ☒ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection. ONLY CHECK THIS BOX WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

1. ☐ A Notice of Appeal was filed on \_\_\_\_\_. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
2. ☒ The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
- (a) ☒ they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
- (b) ☐ they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
- (c) ☒ they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
- (d) ☐ they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: \_\_\_\_\_.

3. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): \_\_\_\_\_.
4. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
5. ☐ The a) ☐ affidavit, b) ☐ exhibit, or c) ☐ request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: \_\_\_\_\_.
6. ☐ The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.
7. ☒ For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) ☒ will not be entered or b) ☐ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) objected to: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) rejected: 1-32.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: \_\_\_\_\_.

8. ☐ The drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is a) ☐ approved or b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
9. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) \_\_\_\_\_.
10. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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Continue 2a) Regarding claim 1, the newly added limitations "A method for defining the layout of a collaboration space, comprising: providing for each component of said layout a respective component tag, said components including logo, side bar, page content, action bar, and tool bar components; end user defining for each of a plurality of modes of operation a skin including said component tags for representing each component selected for said mode of operation, said modes of operation including page view, page edit, list folder view, headline folder view, and slide show folder view; end user creating a skin group comprising said skins for all of said modes of operation; and end user importing said skin group into said collaboration space" have not been earlier presented and raise new issue and will require further search and consideration.

Regarding claim 12, the newly added limitations "providing for each component of said layout a respective component tag, said components including logo, side bar, page content, action bar, and tool bar components; a user establishing a skin group including a set of hypertext markup language pages and a common style sheet page for organizing said component into a plurality of modes for said user interface, said modes including page view, page edit, list folder view, headline folder view, and slide show folder view; said user importing said skin group into said collaboration space" have not been earlier presented and raise new issue and will require further search and consideration.

Regarding claim 23, the newly added limitations "system for designing the style and layout of a collaboration space user interface; said skin group comprising a plurality of modes of operation, each mode of operation including a plurality of components, said modes of operation including page view, page edit, list folder view, headline folder view, and slide show folder view; and said components including logo, side bar, page content, action bar, and tool bar components" have not been earlier presented and raise new issue and will require further search and consideration.

Regarding claim 31, the newly added limitations "providing for each component of said layout a respective component tag, said components including logo, side bar, page content, action bar, and tool bar components; end user defining for each of a plurality of mode of operation a skin including said component tags for representing each component selected for said mode of operation, said modes of operation including page view, page edit, list folder view, headline folder view, and slide show folder view; end user creating a skin group comprising said skins for all of said modes of operation; and end user importing said skin group into said collaboration space" have not been earlier presented and raise new issue and will require further search and consideration.

Regarding claim 32, the newly added limitations "providing for each component of said layout a respective component tag, said components including logo, side bar, page content, action bar, and tool bar components, said modes including page view, page edit, list folder view, headline folder view, and slide show folder view; said user importing said skin group into said collaboration space" have not been earlier presented and raise new issue and will require further search and consideration.